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To: Dockets & Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food & Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane Room 1061
Rockville, MD. 20852

Re: Docket # 98N-1038 - "*Irradiation In The Production, Processing and Handling Of Food.*"

Dear Sir or Madame:

I know it is difficult (possibly impossible) to do your job conscientiously and at the same time please all the people. With all due respect, I suggest you strongly serve we, the people who pay you and protect us from dangers in our food and drugs. (I fervently hope cosmetics and personal care products will soon be protected by law, as well.)

I insist on **PROMINENT LABELING** for any product containing any irradiated substance/part. Labeling must include "irradiated" or "irradiation" and the radiation symbol.

Proposed "alternative terms" such as "cold pasteurization" and "electronic pasteurization" are UNACCEPTABLE. THEY ARE MISLEADING AND MUST NOT BE USED.

The absence of a statement would be misleading because:

- * irradiation destroys vitamins
- * irradiation causes changes in sensory and spoilage qualities that are not obvious or expected by the consumer (who does not want it)

These regulations **MUST NOT EXPIRE** until the majority of we, the people vote for it to expire. Please, vote for **LIFE AND HEALTH**, not dollars and cents!

Sincerely,

St. T. Smith M.D.

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